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Claim 1 (currently amended): A music-content using apparatus comprising:

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a ~~hardware~~-communication interface that acquires original music content;

a programmed processor that is programmed to perform:

a replicated content generation step ~~for~~-of generating new music content on the basis of replication of the original music content acquired via said hardware interface;

an additional information generation step ~~for~~-of generating additional information including information indicating that the generated new music content is based on replication and replication source information identifying a replicated-from source at which the original music content is located; and

an appending step ~~for~~-of appending the generated additional information to the generated new music content.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A music-content using apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said replicated content generation step replicates the original music content and generates, as the new music content, the replicated music content that comprises a replication of at least some of substance data of the original music content.

Claim 3 (original): A music-content using apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the new music content comprises a replication of all of the substance data of the original music content.